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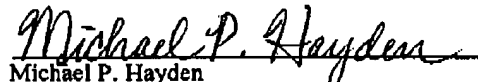
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
INCLUDING REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment remailed on 10 February 2006, further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is hereby respectfully requested.

It is noteworthy for understanding that a Reply was previously submitted on 21 November 2003, but in that submission, the listing of the cancelled claims was inadvertently omitted from the listing of all claims. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment pointing out this oversight was listed in PAIR as having been mailed on 12 December 2003, but was never received. Therefore, the entire Reply dated 21 November 2003 was submitted again on 20 April 2005 with the listing of cancelled claims included, and at the same time as a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action. This Petition was granted. However, it was stated in the granting Decision On Petition that the resubmitted response dated 20 April 2005 was not seen in the record and this resubmitted response is not presently listed in PAIR. Why it is not listed in PAIR is not known. Nevertheless, in order to ensure that the prosecution of the subject Application can proceed forthwith, another complete Reply is submitted herewith in response to the remailed Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Its entry is respectfully requested.

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**An amendment to the specification begins on page 3 of this paper.**

**An amendment to the claims begins on page 5 of this paper.**

**An amendment to the drawings begins on page 7 of this paper.**

**Remarks and arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.**